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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT EANES

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PRESIDENT EANES' STAFF AND PORTUGUESE EMBASSY CONCURRED  
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PRESENT WERE FOREIGN MINISTER SA MACHADO, PORTUGUESE AMBAS-  
SADOR THEMIDO, DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, DR. BRZEZINSKI.  
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4. PRESIDENT EANES DESCRIBED PORTUGAL'S PROGRESS IN CON-

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